

# Village of Los Lunas



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## Little Rain Continues To Create Difficult Conditions

Despite some winter snows and spring rains, New Mexico and Los Lunas continue to be dry. For that reason, Los Lunas Fire Chief Atiliano "Lito" Chavez is urging citizens to be extremely careful about fires and fireworks.

Dry conditions mean fire precautions we often don't think about but now are so very important.

A cigarette burns at about 800 degrees so never put out cigarettes in grass or weeds, especially dry weeds. Extinguish cigarettes with water or dirt.

Fix faulty vehicle or motorcycle mufflers. Catalytic converters operate at about 1,800 degrees and can quickly leave a string of sparks and fires behind a vehicle. Limit vehicle driving to approved roads and off-road vehicle trails.

Prune, remove and clean

up flammable plants and debris around homes and businesses. Avoid using fire to remove debris.

Children playing with matches are the leading cause of fire deaths for children five and under. Keep these items up high, preferably in a locked cabinet, out of sight and reach of small children. Teach older children how to handle matches responsibly.

With the Fourth of July approaching, Chief Chavez encourages everyone to act responsibly and

be sure to be safe when handling fireworks.

Don't drink and shoot off fireworks. It's dangerous for everyone, often the person handling the fireworks gets injured.



### Memorial Tree Planting Program

The village is in the process of putting together a memorial tree planting program. For information about that and who these people are, turn to Page Three.

## Village Fights Mosquitoes in Many Ways

Summer's here and so are those pesky mosquitoes. And the Village of Los Lunas will be fighting the insects in a variety of ways so your summer will be more enjoyable.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jaramillo says concerns about the West Nile Virus have caused the village to locate and map the 75 man-made retention ponds in the village.

These holding ponds are breeding sites for mosquitoes. The Parks and Recreation Department is now in charge of combatting

summer's skin-biting insects.

New village equipment will treat sites for the early stages (larvae) of mosquitoes.

Spraying will be performed throughout the village in the morning and afternoon using the new Ultra-Low Volume sprayer which provides a spray mist. The sprayer will focus on areas with lots of grass and water collection areas, but will still cover the village.

The sprayer replaces a fogging machine which will be used as a backup to combat mosquitoes.

Jaramillo says that if residents

have concerns about mosquitoes in an area then village employees can do testing and site collection to locate breeding sites for the insects.

Residents who have questions about mosquito control can call the Parks and Recreation Department at 865-2128 or the Vector Control Technician at 373-8604, encourages Jaramillo. Businesses should also call if concerns have been raised about insects in the area of the business.

The village can also place gambusia (fish) into ponds to help fight mosquitoes breeding.



### **Councilors Serve as Mayor Pro Tem**

*Village Councilor Cecilia CC Castillo, left, will serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the next year. She follows Councilor Gerard Saiz, right, in this position. The Mayor Pro Tem fills in for the Mayor of Los Lunas when he can't run meetings or is unable to attend events. The position rotates between the four village councilors with each one serving a year at a time.*

## **Library Expansion Begins**

Work has begun on improvements to the Los Lunas Public Library located on Main Street across from the Los Lunas Fire Department.

The addition will result in improved rest rooms and enhanced children's program facilities.

As this project begins, improvements to the Wellness Center on Lambros Loop are being completed.

The 2,625 square foot addition includes five offices, a pharmacy and a group room that can be sectioned off into two smaller rooms as well as bathroom facilities that are American Disabilities Act compliant.

## **Look For It In The Mail**

The village's annual Water Quality Report will be mailed to people who received village water bills by the end of June.

Village water improvements in 2002 included:

1. Well head protection installed at Well #3 and Well #4.
2. The Well #6, North Loop and Tank 6 Project was bid and New Mexico Underground Inc. was hired as the low bidder for construction. This project will provide the required fire flow for the Luna Hills Subdivision and provide a backup water supply for the Well #4 service area and planned preventative maintenance at Well and Tank #4.

### **VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

*Louis F. Huning* **Mayor**  
**Councilors**

*Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego*  
*Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando*

**Municipal Judge** Jeff Aragon  
**Village Administrator**

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk  
**Chief of Police** Nick Balido

## **Attend A Council Meeting!**

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly at the administrative building on Don Pasqual and Main Street. Times and dates are subject to change. Call Debra at 865-9689 to verify. Remaining scheduled 2003 meetings:

June 19 July 10 & 24

August 7 & 21 September 4 & 18

October 9 & 23 November 6 & 20

December 11 & 18

## **Agenda Available on Website Public Comment Welcome**

The council agenda may be found on the village's web site, [www.ci.los-lunas.nm.us](http://www.ci.los-lunas.nm.us), prior to the meetings.

At the meetings, citizens may address their concerns to the council during the public comment section of the meeting.

# Improvements To Heritage Park

Heritage Park, located on Lambros Loop on the east side of the village, is undergoing several improvements including a new paved jogging and walking path.

The volley ball courts will be provided with sports lighting.

The third phase of the park improvements will provide additional jumps for the Skate Park.

American Disabilities Act-accessible sidewalks will also be constructed.

Parks and Recreation Director Michael Jaramillo pointed out that the project will include general landscaping improvements.

The improvements are being paid for by state appropriations. LAV Construction is doing the work as the low bidder on the project.

## **Bid Awarded For Installation Of Los Cerritos-Main Light**

The intersection of Los Cerritos and Main Street will have a traffic light after the Village Council recently awarded the bid for construction.

Baca Trees, Inc., which started as a landscaping business, was awarded the job when the company had the lowest bid of \$106,363.86.

Installation of the light is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the village, New Mexico State Highway Department, and the developers and land owners in the Los Cerritos-Main Street area who include Mike Mechenbier and Huning Limited Partnership.

With the bid awarded it will be at least September before a controller for the light will be located, explained Los Lunas Utilities Director Betty Behrend.

After the controller is put into place then it will be several more months before the traffic light is fully operational.

A long term goal for traffic on Main Street is to time traffic signals all the way through the village.

## **Great American Cleanup A Success**

The Great American Cleanup was a success the end of April as volunteers cleaned up pounds of trash throughout the village.

# **Memorial Tree Planting Program In The Works**

Village officials are putting together a memorial tree planting program. People would be able to honor friends and relatives by planting trees in municipal areas if the trees meet specifications.

Parks and Recreation Department Director Michael Jaramillo said the anticipated date for establishing the program is Summer, 2003.

Trees used in this program may come from the trees nurtured and cared for by the village as part of the Tree New Mexico program.

Two years ago the village became involved in a cooperative project between the Los Lunas Youth Alliance, the Village, New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps and Trees New Mexico, Inc. Since then 5,000 seedlings have been nurtured.

Of the 5,000, ten percent will be used by the village for planting in public areas. The remainder will be distributed to parks, schools and other public facilities across the state.

Michael Jaramillo says he is hopeful that the village's allotted trees can be used for the memorial program.

On the front page of this newsletter is the Los Lunas Rotary Club planting trees in front of the offices for the Los Lunas/Bosque Farms Chamber of Commerce/Village Parks and Recreation Department in Heritage Park.

The trees were planted in memory of Mary Etta Huning and Peri Yarbrough.

## **Road/Utility Projects Update**

About one-quarter of the downtown sewer project is complete. During the summer crews will work on the areas where schools are located in hopes of completing the work before classes begin in the fall.

Work should begin this summer on improvements to Los Lentes between Adobe Lane and Mi Ranchitos. Sewer stubs will be placed into the side streets before paving work is completed. Sidewalks and estate curbs will be constructed.

The North Water Loop project is nearing completion. A well house is being constructed around the new well and the new water tank needs only a roof before it is done.

# **SPEND JULY 4TH 2003 AT HOME IN LOS LUNAS 9 AM — PARADE**

**STARTS AT HERITAGE PARK AND HEADS WEST ON MAIN STREET TO THE  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT DON PASQUAL AND MAIN STREET**

## **AFTERNOON — ENTERTAINMENT**

**AT DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK, SOUTH HIGHWAY 314**

**11:30 — LOS ALEGRES 1 PM - VALENCIA VOLCANOES DANCERS**

**2 PM - LUCAS BARELA 4 PM - LOVE & MONEY JUNKIES**

**6 PM - LAS FLORECITAS CON ESTYLO**



**GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, SPECIAL ACTIVITIES START AT NOON**

**MEN'S 2003 ALL STAR SOFTBALL GAME**

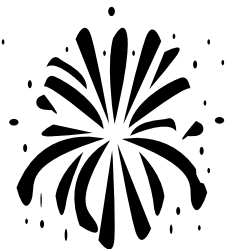
**5 PM - HOME RUN DERBY**

**6 PM - MEN'S SOFTBALL ALL-STAR GAME**

**UP 'N' ATOM MOBILE — 4 - 6 PM**



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